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Whitehall, Nov. 12.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be issued, For the Confinement of Popish Recusants within Five Miles of their respective Dwellings.

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THE Kings Most Excellent Majesty having been Informed of the Dangerous and Wicked Plots and Designs of Popish Recusants, against His Majesties Royal Person and Government, and tending to the Subversion of the True Protestant Religion Established by Law within this His Realm, Doth (with the Advice of His Privy Council) by this His Royal Proclamation, strictly Charge and Command all Persons being above the Age of Sixteen Years, Born within any of His Majesties Realms or Dominions, or made Denizens, who being Popish Recusants, have been, or shall be thereof Lawfully Convicted, That they and every of them do (according to the Statutes in that behalf made) repair to their respective Places of Abode; And if they have no Places of Abode, then to the Places where the Father or Mother of such respective Persons is or shall be then dwelling, and do not at any time thereafter remove or pass above Five Miles from thence, upon Pain that the Offenders shall lose and forfeit to the Kings Majesty, all their Goods and Chattels, and also all their Lands and Tenements, Rents, Annuities, and Hereditaments, during their respective natural Lives. And because many Popish Recusants, who are Notoriously known, or reputed to be such, have notwithstanding, by the Connivence or Negligence of those by whom they ought to have been Prosecuted, escaped Conviction, and yet may be (by their Concourse and Contrivances) as dangerous to His Majesty, His Government, and the True Protestant Religion, as those who are actually Convicted; His Majesty doth hereby further straitly Charge and Command all His Judges, Justices, Magistrates, Ministers and Officers, That if any Popish Recusant, or Person reputed so to be, though not Convicted, being above the Age of Eighteen Years, shall not repair to his or her place of Abode, and there continue without removing or passing above Five Miles from thence, That then such Popish Recusants, or Persons reputed to be so respectively, shall be Prosecuted and brought to Punishment, as well by tendring unto them the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taking advantage of their refusal thereof, as by putting in Execution the severest Laws which are now in Force against them. And His Majesty doth hereby further signifie to all His Loving Subjects, That upon Certificate made to the Lord Chancellor of England, *by any Justice of the Peace, That there are any Popish Recusants, or Persons reputed to be such, who do not give their Obedience to this His Majesties Royal Proclamation, together with the Names of such Offenders, His Majesty hath Commanded the said Lord Chancellor to issue forth respective Commissions under the Great Seal of* England, *to the Justices of the Peace (of the several Counties, Cities and Liberties from which such Certificates shall come) to Require and Authorize them, or any Two of them respectively, to tender and administer the said Oaths to the said Offenders accordingly. Provided, That nothing herein contained, shall be Construed to Command any Popish Recusant Convicted, or any other Popish Recusant, or Person reputed to be such, to come within Ten Miles of the Cities of* London *or* Westminster, *or to require any of the Persons aforesaid to repair to their places of Abode, or other the places aforesaid, who are Restrained by Imprisonment, or Disabled by such Sickness, as they shall not be able to Travel without imminent danger of Life, during the respective times of such Imprisonment, or Disability; or to Confine any such Persons within the said Space of Five Miles from the places aforesaid, who shall be (according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm) Allowed, or Licenced to Travel, or Remove from thence; So that their Travelling, Attending, and Returning by pretence of such Allowance or Licence, be no longer, or otherwise then by the said Statutes is Warranted.*

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Tenth day of *November* 1678. in the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Cologne, Nov. 11. It moves compassion to hear the Relations they that come from *Fuliers* give of the present state of that Countrey, and of the sad condition the poor Inhabitants are reduced to, by reason of the great number of Soldiers that are quartered upon them, for whom they are hardly able to subsist themselves. Our Magistrates have published the Articles of Neutrality which they made with the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, and are resolved to observe them very strictly, to free themselves from those inconveniences they see others have fallen under. From *Alsace* we have an account, that the Duke of *Lorrain* was going to put his Troops into Winter-quarters, as the *French* have already done with theirs; and that done, would go for *Vienna*, to give the Emperor an account of his proceedings during this Campagne.

Ditto, Nov. 15. The Princess Dowager of *Nassaw*, who hath been here several dayes, having on Saturday last received advice by an Express, that her Son, who is Stadtholder of *Frizeland*, lay dangerously sick at *Emmericke*, she parted hence the next day in great diligence, accompanied by her Sister the Dutchess of *Simmeren*. The *French* have demanded of this Diocess 130000 Rations, and 2500 Cowes and Oxen; and the Chevalier *Sourdy*, who commands the *French* Troops in the lower Diocess, has summoned the respective Baillages to bring in without delay their respective Quota's, on pain of Military Execution; upon which our Elector has resolved to send Deputies to Monsieur *Calvo* at *Aix la Chapelle*, to complain to him of this proceeding. The Troops of the Allies on the other side of the *Rhine*, continue to have their Head-quarter at *Koning-*